Remarks

This communication is considered fully responsive to the Office Action.

Claims 1-19 were examined. Claims 1-15 stand rejected. Claims 16-19 are allowed. Claim 1 is amended. No claims are canceled. Reexamination and reconsideration of the currently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating claims 16-19 as being allowed. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 based on the allowable subject matter from claim 16 and based on the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Therefore, Applicant believes all of the currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Applicant believes all claim rejections are moot in view of the amendments based on allowable subject matter. Applicant makes no admission regarding the propriety of the rejections by making these amendments. Applicant expressly reserves the right to traverse these rejections on substantive grounds if these rejections are maintained in a subsequent action. Applicant also expressly reserves the right to present these and/or similar claims in a continuation, continuation-in-part, and/or divisional application.

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Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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